

THE WORLD OF AGAMEMNONS

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Agamemnon words are so-called because, like AGAMEMNON, they are made of three different 3-letter palindromic groups. To date, 10 such words have appeared in Word Ways: AJANENSIS, MIMULUSES, COCCACEAE, ILICACEAE, SUSUHUNAN, MIMICISMS, NANNONAIA, ANALALAVA, MOMBEBACA and AGAMEMNON itself. Their details can be found on page 218 of the August 2001 issue of Word Ways. Here I offer a further 60 agamemnon words. These can be divided into two groups. Most of the first group can be found in the Oxford English Dictionary, Second Edition. The second group consist of locations and these are listed by the country in which they are to be found. Unless specified otherwise, the locations are populated places. The names of locations are taken from the United States Board on Geographic Names (BGN), Foreign Names Committee.

OED ETC.

AMARTREDE OED - under 'a'martyr' v. Obs. rare, *to martyr*... ?a1300 citation

CECITISES Dorland's Medical Dictionary, inferred plural of 'cecitis', *inflammation of the cecum*

DIDIMISTS OED - under 'didymist', *a doubter, sceptic*, 1631 citation

EDEITISES source?

MEMOROSUS OED - Latin, under 'memorous' a. Obs., *memorable*

NINETEENE OED - 17th century form of 'nineteen'

NYNETEENE OED - another old form of 'nineteen' (1550 citation)

PÉPINIÈRE OED - French, under 'pepinnier' Obs. rare, *a place where plants are grown from seed; a nursery for seedlings*

PUPA-CASES OED - a pupa-case is *a horny case or sheath of a pupa or chrysalis*

SESUHUNAN OED - Javanese, under 'susuhunan'(see WW2001218), *the title of the monarchs of Surakarta and of Mataram in Java*

TITULUSES OED - dubious anglicized plural of 'titulus' *an inscription on or over something, esp. the inscription on the cross*

TUTULUSES OED - dubious anglicized plural of 'tutulus', *a Roman head-dress formed by plaiting the hair in a cone above the forehead, worn esp. by the Flamen and his wife*

LOCATIONS

Azerbaijan: BABA-SANON and BABA-ZANON (hills)

Bangladesh: DUDHGHATA

Bolivia: TOTOMOACA

Brazil: TATUQUARA

Bulgaria: BABABAIRI (ridge)

China: fiendishly disguised by hyphens etc. is A-YA-K'O-K'U-MU Hu (lake)

DR Congo: NANKUKULU (stream)

Fiji: KAKAWAIVI Creek (stream)

Finland: NENAVAARA

France: PAPINIERE

Japan: AKAGI-GAWA, AKAKI-KAWA, ARAKO-KAWA, NANGO-GAWA, and OMOGO-GAWA are all names of streams; OGOYO-YAMA and OKOYO-YAMA are mountains; ASAHIHAMA

Lithuania: BUBLELIAI, BUBLELYAY

Madagascar: VAVARANON i Morovoay Riviere (stream)

Malawi: NANSASALA

Malaysia: Tanjong PAPAHANAN (a point)

Mali: Adrar IBILALENE (hill)

Micronesia: ALANANUBU (island)

Mozambique: Pedra MUMUNUANA (rock), RERITIACA

New Zealand: AWATOTARA (stream)

Niger: AWAYE-YARA

Nigeria: IPIKOKIRI, OKOKOKIRI, OLOGOGORO, OLOKOKIRI, UMUEZEAKA

North Korea: KOKUSUI-RI

Philippines: LALAUANAN

Russia: SUSHCHOVO

Sierra Leone; NUNKEKORO

Solomom Is: LILISIANA

South Africa: ELEGOGOTO

South Korea: SASHOHO-TO (island)

Sri Lanka: UDUWAWALA, UDUWEWALA

Tajikistan: BABAGABIB

Uganda: OGOKUKUDU (hill)

Vanuatu: LOLVAVANA (marine channel)

Zambia: IDIAMAIA (a pool)

This brings the total of agamemnon words to 70.